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TAGS: SOPN (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: TRAVELLING PRESS REPORTAGE, MORNING, THURSDAY,
AUGUST 5, 1976

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WIRES:

1. REUTER (NO BYLINE): KISSINGER CALLED ON CALLAGHAN
, MAINLY TO DISCUSS SOUTHERN AFRICA." MAIN TOPICS:
RHODESIA AND SPECIAL FUND TO CUSHION WHITES AGAINST
PROPERTY LOSS. US RECOGNIZES BRITISH SOVEREIGNTY OVER
RHODESIA AND MAKES POINT OF CONSULTING WITH BRITISH ON
EFFORTS. BUT KISSINGER BELIEVES CHANCES FOR SETTLEMENT
ARE SMALL.

THOUGH US THINKS WHITES SHOULD REMAIN IT RECOGNIZES CERTAINTY
OF AT LEAST SOME LOSS OF PROPERTY. OFFICIALS DECLINED
TO GIVE DETAILS OF FUND, SAYING MUCH WORK STILL NEEDED TO
BE DONE.

ON NAMIBIA, US FEARS SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. US
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MIGHT BLOCK IMPOSITION OF ANY US RESTRAINTS IF IT BELIEVED
SOUTH AFRICANS WERE TAKING GENUINE STEPS.

OFFICIALS RULED OUT VORSTER MEETING ON THIS TRIP.

2. AP (FREED): KISSINGER AND CALLAGHAN MET FOR TWO AND A HALF HOURS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICY.

TRAVELLING REPORTERS GOT IMPRESSION THAT THOUGH KISSINGER SEES "LITTLE CHANCE OF HEADING OFF WAR IN RHODESIA ... THERE IS SOME POSSIBILITY OF AGREEMENT." ALSO DOUBTFUL ON NAMIBIA.

US AND UK ARE CONSIDERING UP TO \$.5 BILLION FUND TO COMPENSATE RHODESIAN WHITES FOR PROPERTY.

KISSINGER IS LEANING TOWARD SENDING SCHAUFELE TO MEET WITH VORSTER. ANOTHER KISSINGER-VORSTER MEETING MUST AWAIT PROGRESS ON RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA.

KISSINGER HOPES FOR ENOUGH PROGRESS ON NAMIBIA TO HEAD OFF UNGA SANCTIONS. US RESPONSE TO DEMAND FOR SANCTIONS IS NOT DECIDED.

3. UPI (DANILOFF): AFTER KISSINGER-CALLAGHAN MEETING, SPOKESMEN FOR BOTH EMPHASIZED NEED FOR FURTHER CONSULTATION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. FUNSETH SAID THEY DISCUSSED KISSINGER'S NEW AFRICA POLICY AND THE BRITISH POLICY DECLARATION WHICH CALLED FOR MINORITY RULE IN RHODESIA.

OFFICIALS SAID THAT KISSINGER WAS CONSIDERING SECOND VORSTER MEETING BUT WAS MORE LIKELY TO SEND SCHAUFELE.

NEWSPAPERS:

1. NYTIMES (GWERTZMAN): REPORTERS ON PLANE WERE TOLD THAT KISSINGER IS CONSIDERING ANOTHER TRIP TO AFRICA LATER THIS MONTH IN INTENSIFIED EFFORT TO GET RHODESIA SOLUTION. HE ALSO MIGHT MEET AGAIN WITH VORSTER EITHER IN EUROPE OR IN SOUTH AFRICA. ALL DEPENDS ON PROGRESS OF DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO END MINORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. KISSINGER IS UNCLASSIFIED

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MEETING WITH CROSSLAND ON AFRICAN SITUATION. HIS FEAR IS THAT TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

NOTHING YET FROM TRAVELLING BROADCASTERS.

OTHER PRESS ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1. BERNARD KALB, FIRST LINE REPORT, CBS RADIO NEWS:

"WE BEGIN WITH A QUIZ. WHERE IS HENRY KISSINGER TODAY? ANSWER: OVERSEAS. CERTAINLY - BUT WHERE OVERSEAS? ANGOLA? UGANDA? TIBET? WRONG, WRONG, WRONG. THE CORRECT ANSWER IS LONDON - OR HAS HE ALREADY LEFT LONDON EN ROUTE

TO IRAN? 'IRAN,' YOU SAY, 'WHAT IS GOING ON IN IRAN?' WELL, NOW, IF YOU DON'T THINK IRAN IS URGENT, HOW ABOUT AFGHANISTAN? AFGHANISTAN IS WHERE HE IS GOING AFTER IRAN, AND, AFTER AFGHANISTAN, HE GOES TO PAKISTAN. WELL, NOW, THAT SOUNDS LIKE A PERFECT COVER STORY FOR SOME SECRET DIPLOMATIC CARRYINGS-ON, BUT NO, THERE'S NOTHING TO THAT THEORY. SECRET DIPLOMATIC CARRYINGS-ON CAN BE RISKY, AND RISKS ARE SELDOM TAKEN DURING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEARS.

"THE ITINERARY SO FAR CERTAINLY LACKS ANY SEXY DIPLOMATIC QUALITY, BUT THERE WAS A SCINTILLA OF INTEREST STIRRED AMONG THE PRESS CORPS WHEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT DISCLOSED THAT KISSINGER, ON THE WAY HOME, WOULD BE MAKING A PRIVATE VISIT TO FRANCE. 'WHERE IN FRANCE?' WAS THE QUESTION. WELL, THE DEPARTMENT MANAGED TO LEND A TOUCH OF EXCITEMENT TO THE ITINERARY BY DECLINING AT FIRST TO SAY JUST WHERE KISSINGER WOULD BE GOING. BUT A LITTLE REPORTORIAL PRODDING PRODUCED THE DISCLOSURE THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD BE DROPPING IN ON THE POSH RESORT OF DEAUVILLE - HARDLY A HOTBED OF DIPLOMACY, AND SOME REPORTERS WERE SORRY THEY ASKED. IT TOOK THE ONE ELEMENT OF MYSTERY OUT OF THE ITINERARY.

"WELL, AFTER DEAUVILLE, STILL ONE MORE STOP: THE SECRETARY WILL BE VISITING THE HAGUE, FOR TALKS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE NETHERLANDS - HARDLY ANY URGENCY THERE.

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"IN OTHER WORDS, THIS JOURNEY OVERSEAS IS NOT ONE DESIGNED TO KEEP KISSINGER IN THE CENTER OF THE PRESS. IN FACT, KISSINGER IS PRIVATELY BEING DESCRIBED AS HAVING PERFECTED A NEW 'DISAPPEARING ACT,' WHICH, FOR ANYONE WITH THE SECRETARY'S WELL-ADVERTISED EGO, REQUIRES IMMENSE SELF-DISCIPLINE. KISSINGER, THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS EXTROVERT, IN SEARCH OF INVISIBILITY' BEHIND THE UNOFFICIAL SPEC- ULATION IN WASHINGTON THAT THIS LOW-KEY JOURNEY ACCOMMODATES THE NEEDS OF THE SECRETARY AND OF HIS BOSS, THE THINKING BEING THAT WHILE KISSINGER ENJOYS TRAVELING, GERALD FORD WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE SPOTLIGHT GET OFF HIS SECRETARY, WHO IS NOT HELD IN HIGH REGARD BY MR. FORD'S POLITICAL OPPONENT, RONALD REAGAN. KISSINGER'S FLYING OFF INTO THE UN-HEADLINED WILD BLUE YONDER CONTRASTS VIVIDLY WITH THE WAY RICHARD NIXON EXPLOITED KISSINGER DURING THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION IN 1972. THE SECOND NIGHT OF THAT CONVENTION, KISSINGER'S FACE POPPED UP ON A GOP FILM IN WHICH KISSINGER EXTOLLED MR. NIXON. 'THERE'S A CERTAIN - YOU KNOW, IT'S A BIG WORD, BUT IT'S A CERTAIN HEROIC QUALITY ABOUT HOW HE CONDUCTS HIS BUSINESS,' KISSINGER SAID. 'I BELIEVE THAT HIS IMPACT ON FOREIGN POLICY WILL BE

HISTORIC, NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS. HE HAS PROVIDED ONE OF THE BIG WATERSHEDS IN AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL HISTORY.' IN 1976, WITH A REPUBLICAN CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR LATER THIS MONTH, THE WORD AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER HAS AS YET MADE NO DECISION ON WHETHER HE'LL BE IN KANSAS CITY WHEN THE REPUBLICANS ASSEMBLE TO NOMINATE THEIR PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. ONCE THE CONVENTION IS OVER, AND ASSUMING MR. FORD WINS THE NOMINATION, IT MAY VERY WELL BE THAT KISSINGER WILL STEP FORTH FRONT AND CENTER ONCE AGAIN, IN THE MIDST OF DIPLOMATIC HEADLINES. FOR A MAN WITH KISSINGER'S DIPLOMATIC ENERGY AND ENDLESS WANDERLUST, THERE'S A WHOLE WORLD OUT THERE, AND NOW THAT VIKING HAS LANDED ON MARS, WELL, THE POSSIBILITIES FOR TRAVEL ARE INFINITE."

2. JIM BOHANNON, WTOP RADIO:

"DR. KISSINGER'S DIPLOMACY TAKES WING AGAIN THIS MORNING, AS HE LEAVES LONDON IN ABOUT 25 MINUTES, AFTER A BREAKFAST UNCLASSIFIED

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TALK WITH BRITISH PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN. THAT AGENDA WAS REPORTEDLY SPRINKLED WITH GENEROUS HELPINGS OF THE MIDDLE EAST, RHODESIA, AND NAMIBIA. THE LATTER TWO AFRICAN PROBLEMS MAY GET ANOTHER GOING-OVER AS WELL. KISSINGER IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT IRAN, AFGHANISTAN, AND PAKISTAN, BUT HE JUST MIGHT ALSO FIND ROOM SOMEWHERE IN THERE TO SQUEEZE IN TALKS WITH SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER. THERE'S NOTHING OFFICIAL ON THAT, BUT YES-TERDAY KISSINGER DID MANAGE TO VISIT WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR HANS BOTHA, AND THAT'S WHERE THE SPECULATION IS COMING FROM. DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS SAY THAT IF SUCH A MEETING IS HELD, IT MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN EUROPE OR AFRICA."

3. BARRY SCHWEID, WTOP RADIO:

"SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IS THE TARGET OF A SUIT CLAIMING SEX DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS. FILED IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT IN WASHINGTON, IT CLAIMS THE 300 OR SO WOMEN AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT ARE SIDE-TRACKED TO MINOR JOBS AND ASSIGNMENTS THROUGH THEIR CAREERS. THE CLASS ACTION SUIT, BASED ON BOTH THE

CONSTITUTION AND FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS LAWS, IS ASKING FOR CORRECTIVE PROMOTIONS AND BACK PAY. KISSINGER HAS SIXTY DAYS TO RESPOND OR TO MOVE FOR DISMISSAL OF THE SUIT."

4. JIM BOHANNON AND BARRY SCHWEID, WTOP RADIO:

"ONE YEAR AGO, PRESIDENT FORD AND OTHER HEADS OF STATE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT IN HELSINKI DESIGNED TO IMPROVE HUMAN CONTACT BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE WEST, AND TO EASE

TENSIONS. CORRESPONDENT BARRY SCHWEID REPORTS ON HOW THE
US STATE DEPARTMENT IS EVALUATING RUSSIAN COMPLIANCE
WITH THAT AGREEMENT:

SCHWEID: "ASSESSING THE RUSSIANS A YEAR AFTER HELSINKI,
THE STATE DEPARTMENT GIVES THEM GOOD MARKS ON TROOP
MANEUVERS, BUT A FAILING GRADE ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

"THE RUSSIANS HAVE INVITED NATO OBSERVERS TO THE MANEUVERS
AND ARE EASING UP A BIT ON EMIGRATION. HOWEVER, THE
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DEPARTMENT SAYS THERE IS BUT LITTLE CHANGE IN THE FIELD
OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN ALLOWING NEWS ABOUT THE WEST TO REACH
EASTERN EARS. THE HARD-FOUGHT AND CONTROVERSIAL HELSINKI
AGREEMENT, SIGNED BY PRESIDENT FORD AND THE HEADS OF
34 OTHER STATES, WAS DESIGNED TO EASE TENSIONS BETWEEN
EAST AND WEST. IN ITS ASSESSMENT, THE STATE DEPARTMENT
SAYS THAT IT NEVER EXPECTED FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES OVERNIGHT;
RATHER, THE UNITED STATES KNEW IT WOULD HAVE TO BE PATIENT."

5. DALLAS TOWNSEND AND BRUNO WASSERTHEIL, CBS WORLD NEWS
ROUNDUP:

"THE CUBAN PRESENCE IS NOW REPORTED IN THE MIDDLE EAST
TURMOIL. WE'LL HEAR ABOUT IT FROM BRUNO WASSERTHEIL IN
TEL AVIV.

"AN ISRAELI NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT TWO HUNDRED CUBANS HAVE
ARRIVED IN IRAQ AND ARE TRAINING PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS
IN SABOTAGE AND SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES. THE INDEPENDENT
ENGLISH-LANGUAGE DAILY, JERSUALEM POST, SAYS THE CUBANS
HAVE SET UP AN INTENSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE SPLINTER
PALESTINE GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE ARAB
LIBERATION FRONT, WHICH ENJOYS FULL IRAQI SUPPORT. THE
DISPATCH FROM THE NEWSPAPER'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SAYS
THE CUBANS MAY BE GETTING THE PALESTINIANS READY FOR
OPERATION IN LEBANON AGAINST THE CHRISTIAN-SYRIAN ALIGNMENT.
THE BAGHDAD GOVERNMENT'S SYMPATHIES IN THE LEBANESE CON-
FLICT OPENLY LIE WITH THE PLO AND LEFTIST MOSLEM FACTIONS.

"ISRAELI AUTHORITIES TODAY RELEASED A GREEK FREIGHTER THAT
HAD DRIFTED INTO ISRAELI WATERS LAST MONTH, BUT CONFISCATED
ITS CARGO OF SEVERAL HUNDRED TONS OF AMMUNITION THAT HAD
BEEN DESTINED FOR MOSLEM AND PLO FORCES IN LEBANON."

6. BARRY SERAFIN AND BRUCE DUNNINGS, CBS-TV MORNING NEWS:

"THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF CHARGES ABOUT BULLETS EXCHANGED OVER
THE YEARS ACROSS THE FORMOSA STRAIT, BETWEEN THE TWO
GOVERNMENTS THAT CALL THEMSELVES THE GOVERNMENTS OF CHINA.

AND OVER THE YEARS, A LOT OF COUNTRIES HAVE SHIFTED TO
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THEIR DIPLOMATIC ALLEGIANCE FROM ONE OF THOSE GOVERNMENTS
TO THE OTHER.

... "NATIONALIST CHINESE LEADERS EXHORT THEIR SIXTEEN
MILLION PEOPLE TO WORK HARD AND BE SELF-RELIANT; TO BE
PREPARED TO STAND ALONE IN AN UNFRIENDLY WORLD. BUT THEY
SEE THE GROWING AMERICAN INVESTMENT AS MAKING TIES BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND NATIONALIST CHINA TOUGHER AND TOUGHER
TO CUT WITHOUT CAREFULLY NEGOTIATED PLANS THAT WOULD
GUARANTEE THEIR CONTINUED PROTECTION AGAINST FALLING
UNDER PEKING'S CONTROL."

7. DALLAS TOWNSEND, CBS RADIO, 10:00 AM NEWS:

"SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER CONFERRED WITH BRITISH
PRIME MINISTER JAMES CALLAGHAN ON THE RACIAL PROBLEMS OF
SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND THE CHANCES FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.
AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN LONDON SAYS KISSINGER AND CALLAGHAN
CONCENTRATED ON AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY TOWARDS SOUTH
AFRICA AND RHODESIA. IN BOTH GOVERNMENTS, BLACKS HOPE
TO WIN CONTROL FROM WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENTS.

"AFTER HIS MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, KISSINGER
LEFT LONDON FOR IRAN AND TALKS WITH THE SHAH."

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